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Houghton Mifflin Company
2 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Henry:

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high regard for him. He had many fine qualities. I always
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Sincerely,

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